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OASD (I&L) FOR MR C. FRANKE.

REF: AT(73)38, 7 SEP 73-AGENDA

BEGIN SUMMARY. NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVES (NADREPS) MET ON 19 SEP 73 AND AGAIN ON 24 SEP 73 IN A SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING. MAIN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION INCLUDED OBSTACLES TO COOPERATION IN RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION; SYMPOSIUM ON BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION IN THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT; AND PREPARATION FOR THE OCT 73 MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD). USNADREP, WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM UNITED KINGDOM, CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR COMPREHENSIVE IDENTIFICATION AND REVIEW OF CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AREAS OF GENUINE CONCERN TO CNAD AND TO THE ALLIANCE. US ALSO PUSHED, WITH SUPPORT FROM FRANCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, FOR A MAJOR REVISION OF CURRENT SCHEDULING PROCEDURES FOR CNAD AND ITS SUBSTRUCTURE. BOTH MEETINGS RATED AS PRODUCTIVE BY USNATO. END SUMMARY.

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1. NADREPS HELD THEIR SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING AT NATO HQS, BRUSSELS, ON 19 SEP 73. PERTINENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE REPORTED PER REF (SHORT TITLES).

A. AGENDA ITEM 1-PROGRESS REPORT; SAFETY IN TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AC/258). REF: AC/259-D/345. PROGRESS REPORT BY THIS CADRE GROUP TO THE NADREPS CONCLUDED WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR NATIONAL ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION OF EXPLOSIVES, BOTH FOR STORAGE AND TRANSPORT. GROUP PROPOSES TO AMEND ACCORDINGLY THE MANUAL ON QUOTE NATO SAFETY PRINCIPLES FOR THE STORAGE OF AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES UNQUOTE (AC/258-D/70) AND ASSOCIATED MANUALS FOR TRANSPORT. BASED ON PARTICIPATION AND AGREEMENT OF US EXPERTS, USNADREP PROPOSES TO APPROVE GROUP PROGRESS REPORT, BUT WILL RESERVE APPROVAL PENDING APPROPRIATE SERVICE MATERIEL COMMAND COMMENT ON RECOMMENDED US ADOPTION OF UN SYSTEM. REQUEST GUIDANCE TO MISSION BY 12 OCT 73.

B. AGENDA ITEM 2-PROGRESS REPORT ON CODIFICATION (AC/135).

REF: AC/259-D/327. PROGRESS REPORT NOTED AND APPROVED BY THE NADREPS ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (NAD). CODIFICATION PROJECTS INCLUDED THOSE ON NATO AIR DEFENSE GROUND ENVIRONMENT (NADGE), SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS (SATCOM), AND NATO COUNTRY HELICOPTERS AMONG OTHERS. GOOD EXAMPLE OF ESSENTIAL CONTINUING WORK PROJECTS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON IDENTIFICATION AND SINGLE NATO STOCK NUMBER FOR THE SAME ITEM OF SUPPLY IN ALL NATO COUNTRIES.

C. AGENDA ITEM 3-PROGRESS REPORT ON QUALITY ASSURANCE (AC/250). REF: AC/259-D/344. REPORT TO NADREPS INCLUDED RECORD OF SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF STANDARDIZATION AGREEMENTS (STANAGS), AND A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1974. A NEW TITLE QUOTE GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE UNQUOTE WAS AGREED UPON SUBJECT TO LATER CONFIRMATION BY THE UK AND FRG. THIS IS ANOTHER AREA WHERE COMMONALITY AMONG NATO NATIONS OF STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES IS ESSENTIAL TO COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT AND PRODUCTION EFFORTS. REPORT NOTED AND APPROVED BY NADREPS.

D. AGENDA ITEM 4-FOLLOW-UP TO NATO EXPLORATORY CONFERENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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ENCE ON PRODUCTION LOGISTICS (NECPL). REFS: AC/259-LOG(73) D/10 AND CORRIGENDUM DTD 6 SEP 73, AND AC/259-D/331. SUBSTANCE OF THE WORKING GROUP REPORT TO NADREPS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY IN USNATO 4216 AND ACKNOWLEDGED IN STATE 182628. NADREPS (AS WELL AS US MISSION) FULLY AWARE OF NECESSITY TO COMPLETE STUDIES NOW UNDERWAY. NADREPS INSTRUCTED THE WORKING GROUP TO REPORT FURTHER AS PROGRESS OF OUTSTANDING STUDIES PERMITS, AND NOTED THAT PROGRESS SO FAR IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT RECOMMENDATION AT THIS TIME ON THE TIMING OF A SECOND CONFERENCE ON PRODUCTION LOGISTICS. NADREPS WILL REPORT STATUS IN LOGISTICS COOPERATION TO THE CNAD AND WILL EXPECT TO REPORT FURTHER ON PROGRESS AT CNAD MEETING OF SPRING 1974.

E. AGENDA ITEM 5-NIAG OBJECTIVES RELATED TO OBSTACLES TO COOPERATION IN RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION. REF: AC/259-D/307. RESCHEDULED FOR SPECIAL NADREP MEETING ON 24 SEP 73. REPORTED BELOW IN PARA 3.

F. AGENDA ITEM 6-SYMPOSIUM ON BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION IN EUROPE. REF: AC/259-D/339(REV). NADREPS FINALLY AGREED TO APPROVE THE REVISED EXPLANATORY CNAD DOCUMENT ON THE SUMPOSIUM WITH MINOR CHANGES. SYMPOISUM IS NOW DESCRIBED AS QUOTE BEING PLANNED IN COOPERATION WITH NATO AUTHORITIES UNQUOTE. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT SYMPOSIUM PLANNING CONFERENCE SHOULD BE EXPEDITED TO INSURE THAT CONFERENCE CAN BE HELD AS NOW PLANNED IN JUNE (OR LATEST SEPTEMBER) 1974.

G. AGENDA ITEM 7-PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER CNAD. REFS: AC/259-A/12 AND AC/259-N/127. MAIN DISCUSSION CENTERED ON TWO PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE USNADREP. FIRST WAS REVISION OF SCHEDULING OF CNAD AND SUBSTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES TO INSURE A MORE LOGICAL TASK/REPORT FLOW PATTERN THAN EXISTS NOW. SECOND, THE US HAD SPEARHEADED AN EFFORT TO FOCUS THE OCTOBER CNAD ON AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE WITH PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THOSE IDENTIFIED BY THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC) AND NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THIS ITEM WAS REPORTED IN DETAIL IN USNATO 3926.

H. AGENDA ITEM 8-PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR NIAG SUBGROUP. REF: NIAG(73)D/12. BUDGET IN QUESTION WAS FOR PERIOD 10 AUG-31 DEC 73 AND WAS NONCONTROVERSIAL. NADREPS NOTED AND APPROVED THE DOCUMENT.
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3. NADREP MEETING OF 24 SEP 73. REF: AC/259-D/330(REV).

A. SUPPLEMENTARY MEETING OF 24 SEP 73 FOCUSED ON NIAG OBSTACLES PAPER. NADREPS FINALLY AGREED TO A CONSIDERABLY MODIFIED CANADIAN PROPOSED REPORT TO CNAD. NADREP REVIEW OF THE NIAG DOCUMENT (AC/259-D/307) HAS BEEN SUMMARIZED IN A PAPER DRAFTED BY THE UK WITH FRENCH AND US INPUTS. BOTH D/307 AND THE NADREP COMMENTS PAPER WILL BE RETAINED AS BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM ON NIAG OBJECTIVES ALREADY SUBMITTED TO MINISTERS. THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN ANY PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING EQUIPMENT COLLABORATION. IN FINAL ANALYSIS THIS APPROACH IS THE BEST WAY OUT OF A STICKY NIAG/CNAD CONFLICT SITUATION.

B. SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS WAS THE DRAFTING OF A LETTER FOR SIGNATURE BY THE ASST SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT WHICH WILL FORWARD TO NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (NAD) A MODIFIED VERSION OF THE US-PREPARED SUMMARY OF CNAD AREAS OF CONCERN. NADREP OBJECTIVE IS TO INSURE THAT EACH NAD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY IN ADVANCE OF THE OCTOBER CNAD TO VIEW IN APPROPRIATE PROSPECTIVE THE LARGE AND GROWING PROBLEM OF AREAS OF CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE AND NOT JUST OF CONCERN TO CNAD.

4. PROPOSED SCHEDULE REVISION WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY WITH
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